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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
referring to CHALICE

14 July 1958

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Operations [REDACTED]

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1. In a telephone conversation on 9 July 1958, Mr. [REDACTED] reported that it would be extremely convenient for EG&G if the operations at [REDACTED] could be temporarily closed down for approximately five weeks beginning 1 August. They have urgent temporary need for some of the personnel involved. Such a shutdown would also permit vacations and facilitate the operation of the facility during the balance of the year.

2. Mr. [REDACTED] recommended that we plan on such a shutdown since our presently scheduled [REDACTED] and GUSTO work can be completed by 1 August.

3. Both Mr. [REDACTED] and I believe that it will require some weeks for the Air Force and/or Navy to complete arrangements for test measurements on any conventional equipment. Accordingly, we felt that we should actively explore with them at this time their requirements for the use of [REDACTED] and should tentatively plan to schedule measurements on their equipment beginning about mid-September. Were these activities to consume several months, the Range would then be free for our purposes about as soon as we could expect to have a full scale GUSTO mock-up ready.

4. On the basis of the foregoing, I concurred in the closing of the Range for the period indicated, with the understanding, however, that EG&G would continue with any maintenance work or Range improvement needed before the resumption of operations in September.

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